



# Behrman Buzz

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## Calendar of Events

**Saturday,**  
**March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4**  
8th Grade LEAP Tutoring

**Sunday, March 8**  
Daylight Savings Time Begins

**Thursday, March 19**  
LEAP & Lunch

**Friday, March 20**  
iLEAP & Ice Cream

**Friday, March 27**  
Professional Development  
**NO SCHOOL**

**April 1— 3, 6— 7**  
LEAP, iLEAP

**April 10— 14**  
Spring Break  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Friday, May 1**  
Professional Development  
**NO School**

## Thank You Very Much

Many thanks to these generous folk who have donated items to the Stinger Store. **Mrs. Carter** gave several bags of toys, **Ms. Mason** gave brand new Beanie Babies. The colorful tee shirts with meaningful messages were donated by **Mr. Mitchell**. Two brand new Barbie dolls, still in their boxes, were given by **Nurse Brown's** daughter, **Courtney**.

## Innocuous Inoculations & Vicious Vaccinations

The Greater New Orleans Immunization network was at Behrman Charter School giving vaccinations and inoculations to students whose parents had returned the consent forms. Students were able to update their shots, free of charge, right here at Behrman. Some students were brave, others were not, but with **Nurse Brown's** calm presence, everyone survived.



A week later **Reach Out HealthCare America** came to Behrman to give on-site dental care.



Again, students who had returned their permission

slips were given an oral exam, x-rays, fluoride treatment sealants and minor teeth fillings. All of this was provided free of charge.

Fifteen students were able to go to the **LSU Dental School** and have checkups, x-rays and teeth cleaning thanks to the **New Orleans Hornets**. They are also able to go see a dentist in their area for a follow-up visit, free of charge. Behrman is fortunate to have Mrs. Brown as our school nurse. Her competence is unparalleled and she takes care of us from head to toe.

**It is absolutely essential for anyone who volunteers at Behrman to have a police background check. This is the law!**

**NO STUDENT CHECKOUTS AFTER 1:30 p.m. No Excuses! Don't Ask! Plan Accordingly!**

## Girl Scouts of America

The Girl Scouts have come to Behrman Charter School. The three troops include Daisy Girl Scouts, Brownies, and the Junior Cadet Girl Scouts.

They meet once or twice a month under the leadership of **Mrs. Darlene Hammond, Ms. Robin Williams, Ms. Patricia Wafer, Ms. Tracee Singleton, and Ms. Angelique Roberts**. The site administrator is **Mrs. Goins**.

Anyone who wishes to join should see Mrs. Goins and fill out a membership application. The application fee/annual dues are \$10.00, plus there is an additional \$10.00 fee for the uniform sash and troop numbers.



## SUPER SATURDAY TUTORING

Intense tutoring will begin for 8<sup>th</sup> graders Saturday, February 28 and will continue every Saturday through Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. It will take place at Behrman Charter School from 9:00 a.m. until noon. **This tutoring is MANDATED for every 8<sup>th</sup> grader. It does not replace, but is in addition to, the mandated after-school tutoring, which will continue.** Transportation will be provided. Martin Behrman teachers and volunteers from NNOA (**National Naval Officers Association**) will provide the tutoring. Behrman is very serious about preparing students for LEAP. Special thanks to **Lt. Michael Wolfe**, who has kept this program running for the past 3 years. Because of its success, our program was featured in an article in *The Times Picayune*.

## LEAPING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

By 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

Writing has always seemed to be hard for many students, but our recent writing project turned out to be much more than just a writing assignment. It was actually fun! **Mrs. Jackson's** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes recently completed writing projects entitled "LEAPing through the Holidays." All of the projects centered on St. Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras. They focused



on different modes of writing, such as comparison-contrast, cause-effect, persuasive, instructional and narrative essays as well as the history of each holiday. We felt that it prepared us for the LEAP and iLEAP tests by giving us an opportunity to further use our writing

skills, research skills, grammar and spelling as well as our informational skills. While everything had to be put on a project board for public display, we also had a chance to share with our peers during class. It was a fun, creative way to prepare for the iLEAP and LEAP tests.



### Black History Celebration

February is Black History Month and every grade was represented in the Behrman Charter School's Black History program. The theme was *Change has Come: We had the audacity to dream*. It was produced by 7th grade teacher **Ms. Vincent**. **Damica Jackson** was the Mistress of Ceremony and **Ernest Robert, Jr.** was Master of Ceremonies. They introduced students of all ages who did poetry, song, dance and drama. Special guests were **Mr. Tory Andrus**, who delivered the "I Have A Dream" speech by Martin Luther King, and the **SUNO Royal Jewels Dance Team**, led by **Mr. Edward Carter**. Our principal, **Mrs. Carter**, made closing remarks.



Behrman was featured in *The Times Picayune* Westbank section on Saturday, February 21 for this celebratory program.

### Eager Readers

The **New Orleans Hornets** certainly give back to our community. When their Bookmobile was unable to come to Behrman Charter School because of mechanical difficulties, **Ms. Whitney Mitchell**, Community Relations Coordinator, personally brought boxes of books to school that were distributed through the library. Along with the books, she brought tickets for the Hornets' game against Dallas and Houston. **Mrs. Oliver's** third grade are writing thank you letters to the Hornets. The third graders are very good at writing friendly letters.

### Additional Artists



The Fine Arts Department of Behrman Charter School now offers its students electives in drama and dance. **Mr. Torey Andrus**, our new drama teacher, hails from Lafayette, LA.



After receiving his BA from **Dillard University**, he enrolled in the **Tisch School of Arts** at NYU where he is working on his Masters in Fine Arts. **Mr. Edward Carter** is teaching dance. He began dancing at age 7 at **St. John's Community Center** and completed his training at **The Bruce Lea Dance Factory** in Ft. Worth, TX. He is a senior at **SUNO**, where he has been the head dance team captain for two years.

### First Grade Busy Bees

The 1<sup>st</sup> graders at Behrman Charter School had a very busy February. The activities began when they celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School. To celebrate this milestone, they did 100 jumping jacks, ran in place for 100 seconds, wore shirts with 100 items on them (Jeremiah Brown had 100 eyeballs). Some 1<sup>st</sup> graders wore 100 strings of beads! After singing "Happy 100 Days of School to Us," they cut a very large cake with 100 candles on it.

The Pajama Jammy Jam was held on St. Valentine's Day. Everyone in grades Pre-K through Second came to school wearing their pajamas, bathrobes and slippers. They snacked on doughnuts, milk and juice and watched the movie *Madagascar*. Since it was St. Valentine's Day, they exchanged love notes with each other and used a circle map to write stories based on love.

In Social Studies they learned about different landforms, such as valleys, hills, mountains and plains. They made beautiful projects depicting these forms. This was difficult because there are no natural hills, mountains or valleys in the New Orleans area!

Since they were studying shapes, **Ms. Meigs** took her class outside to find geometric solids in nature. They did really well and found cylinders in the shape of the tree trunks and spheres in the shape of the berries on the liriopse growing in the front garden.



Finally they celebrated Mardi Gras by making floats out of shoe boxes and decorating with a theme of their choosing. These beautiful floats, along with the land form projects can be seen in the first grade hallway.

The 1<sup>st</sup> graders are fortunate to have such creative teachers in **Mrs. Stevenson**, **Mrs. Thompson**, and **Ms. Meigs**.

